

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 28 1896

THE GEISHA AS SHE IS.

Japanese Singing Girls a Peculiar Feature of the Country.

In a Jap teahouse in Tokyo of a pleasant afternoon.

Each room consists of one large apartment, and by means of light bamboo and paper screens that slide in grooves in floor and ceiling this apartment can be swiftly divided into a number of cozy, private rooms.

The guests sat in a circle on the matting, and the girls bring lacquer trays and small tables, on which are placed tiny teapots and delicate, shell-like cups. The girls now pour out and hand around the tea, each as she offers her cup prostrating herself before the guest, saying, "Honorable desire to accept this tea." After this they bring in bottles of "sake," the wine of the country, made from rice, and recalling to an American or European palate the flavor of dry sherry. This is mixed with warm water and drunk out of tiny porcelain cups.

Square boxes, containing each a little pot of charcoal, an ashbox and a spittoon, are also placed here and there about the floor. The Jap uses a very finely cut mild and bitter tasting tobacco, which he smokes, a pinch at a time, in a tiny metal pipe, only containing enough to give him three or four puffs. From time to time he taps the ashbox, empties his pipe and starts afresh.

Meanwhile the host has sent for the "geishas," or trained singing and dancing girls, who now arrive and are ushered with great ceremony into the room.

The class to which these girls belong forms one of the most quaint and interesting institutions even in this pre-eminently quaint and interesting country.

They seldom take part in the temple ceremonies, but are trained to play the "samisen," or Japanese guitar, to sing and dance and to minister to the entertainment of the guests at social festivities.

As a rule they are bought from their parents at a very early age by some entrepreneur, thoroughly trained in the arts pertaining to their calling and then hired out by him at a large figure.

He picks them for their good looks and provides them with rich and beautiful clothing, and a "geisha" who is bright, amusing and attractive generally succeeds in gaining the affection of some rich admirer, who buys her from the entrepreneur and establishes her. Of late years, since the rapid influx of western ideas, there has been an attempt made to induce the government to do away with the "geishas" altogether.

The mikado has set the example by banishing them from the court entertainments and the banquets of state, and the government has put a tax upon them, but in spite of all this the custom of employing them at private parties is one that will die very hard.

All sorts of conflicting opinions about the "geisha," her personal appearance and her ways and manners, have been expressed by different foreign critics.

The "geisha" is "sui generis" a creature alone and apart, and her quaint little painted and enameled face, her penciled eyebrows and artificially carved lips, her shiny black hair, stiffened with gum and built up into the most fantastic and elaborate structure; above all, her beautiful costume, with its soft and subtle harmonies of color and graceful draping, all go to make her a personality that is as charming as it is different from anything one can see elsewhere in the world.—Boston Advertiser.

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Virginia Conference M. E. Church South, at Lynchburg.

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Pan-American Medical Congress, City of Mexico.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell extension tickets from Washington to the City of Mexico November 7th and 10th, at \$7.15. Pullman berth each way \$15.00. Sleeping cars and dining cars to New Orleans and thence through sleeping cars to the City of Mexico. oct26 eoid

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"And unfold the past?"

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Fruit Eating.

Says a dietetic authority on the subject of fruit: The sick will be well and the well will be beautiful when the fruit season is properly understood. Fruit should be eaten last; sent down the canal on top of the freight to hasten its distribution. If, however, it has been the habit to eat fruit first, that habit cannot be changed without mischief. Let well enough alone.

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11 06pm	11 38am Alexandria.....	9 18pm	6 20am
11 55pm	12 27pm Baltimore.....	9 50pm	5 50am
3 37am	4 00pm	..... Lynchburg.....	3 50pm	1 52am
5 40am	5 50pm	..... Danville.....	1 40pm	12 18pm
6 57am	7 46pm	..... Greensboro.....	12 05pm	10 46pm
9 55am	12 05pm	..... Winston-Salem.....	7 15am	5 30pm
2 59pm	7 30am	..... Raleigh.....	5 05am	4 10pm
8 11am	9 17pm	..... Salisbury.....	10 20am	9 38pm
8 32pm	.....	..... Asheville.....	2 30am	2 16pm
5 22pm	.....	..... Hot Springs.....	12 30pm	8 30am
7 40pm	.....	..... Chattanooga.....	4 30am	.....
11 59pm	.....	..... Jacksonville.....	8 50am	8 30pm
9 25am	10 40pm	..... Columbia.....	2 30am	4 46pm
1 47am	8 00am	..... Augusta.....	10 30pm	2 04pm
5 46am	.....	..... Savannah.....	10 16pm	.....
.....	9 00am	..... (Central Time).....	5 40pm	.....
.....	7 10pm	..... Tampa.....	7 00am	.....
8 55pm	5 20am	..... Atlanta.....	12 15am	12 00am
10 20pm	12 01pm Birmingham.....	2 56pm	5 56am
7 25am	10 00pm Memphis.....	5 20am	9 15pm
7 35am	10 25pm New Orleans.....	7 50pm

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